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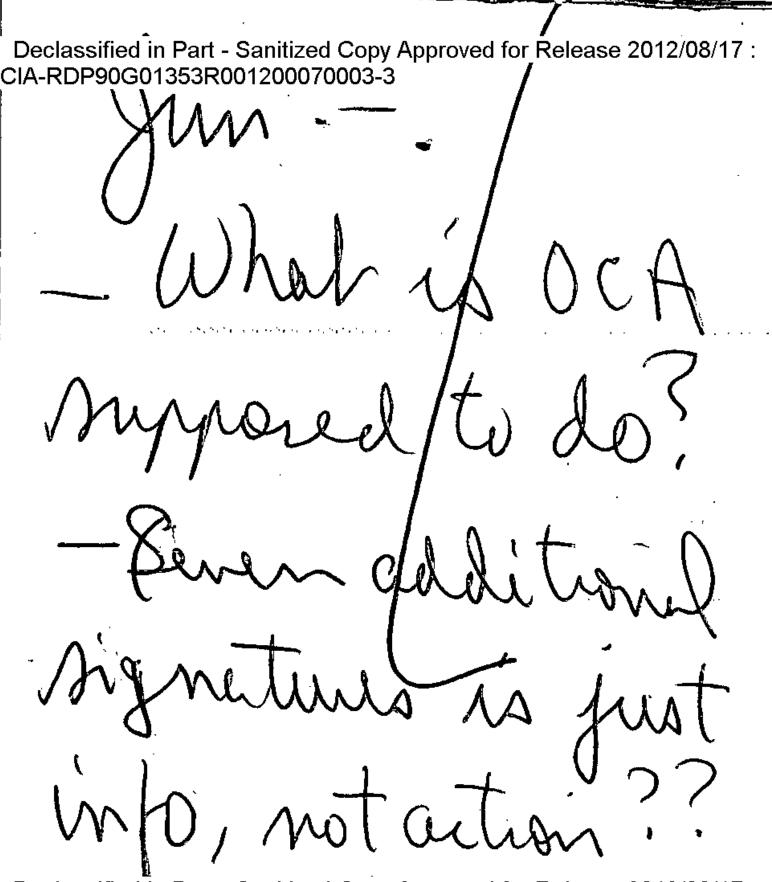
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TO: CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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MEDIA:

LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 28, 1988

TO:

PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM:

THE HONORABLE ROBERT S. WALKER U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON DC 20515

SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP ON OCT 19 88 LETTER EXPRESSING

CONCERN OVER JIM WRIGHT'S RELEASE OF

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION ABOUT NICARAGUA TO THE

PRESS, TO ADD 7 ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE (OR DRAFT) TO: AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

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November 1, 1988

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your October 28 letter to the President indicating that additional Members of Congress are interested in supporting the request made in your October 19 letter regarding the release of classified information.

I will make sure that your most recent letter and the additional signatures are noted, and that appropriate advisers are apprised of this information.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

Alan M. Kranowitz Assistant to the President

The Honorable Robert S. Walker House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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# Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

October 28, 1988

The Honorable Ronald Reagan The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On October 19th, I and 35 of my colleagues sent you a letter expressing our concern over Jim Wright's release of classified information about Nicaragua to the press, and asking that you withhold all discretionary intelligence information from the Speaker until the House Ethics Committee completes its investigation.

Since then, seven more Members have expressed interest in supporting this request. Enclosed is a copy of the original letter with their signatures.

Cordially,

Robert S. Walker

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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, №C 20515

19 October 1988

The Honorable Ronald Reagan President of the United States The White House

Dear Mr. President:

The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and the House Select Committee on Intelligence have agreed in bipartisan fashion to pursue charges that Speaker Jim Wright made unauthorized disclosures of classified information to the national press in violation of Rule XLVIII of the House of Representatives.

The gravity of the allegations against the Speaker involve the reputation and dignity of the House of Representatives as an institution as well as the United States' ability to conduct affairs of national security.

We are concerned that, until the Ethics Committee reports back to the House, the Speaker will continue to receive sensitive and classified information. Because his role as Speaker mandates his access to certain intelligence information, we fear that more unauthorized disclosures may occur.

In order to safeguard against such potentially serious breaches in the future, we request that you not share any discretionary intelligence with the Speaker of the House until the Ethics Committee reports back that the Speaker has not, in fact, jeopardized America's secrets.

Until then, this country and its allies will not be safe.

Sincerely,

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